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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| First Named Inventor: | Hanspeter Heiniger  |                         |
| Appln. No.:           | 10/564,115  |                         |
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| Title:                | <b>Drive Device and Method for Advancing an Advancing Element</b> | Group Art Unit: Unknown |

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR RESPONSE**

Mail Stop PCT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of one (1) months from July 19, 2006 to August 19, 2006 within which to respond to the Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371 dated May 19, 2006. A check in the amount of \$120.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the extension fee.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 04-1420.

Respectfully submitted,

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